

**ABSTRACT****PROCESS**

- 5 A process for reducing the levels of undesirable impurities in a mesotrione sample is disclosed, said process comprising the steps of:
- (i) forming a mesotrione enolate solution in an aqueous solvent,
  - (ii) carrying out one or more purification processes, and
  - (iii) crystallising the purified mesotrione out of solution.